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1. Dáka Airfield is three km from the town, between a wood and the road. At this field there is a concrete runway in the form of a cross. The longer arm runs parallel with the road, and is about 1,000 by 50 meters. The shorter arm is about 600 m long.
2. At this field is stationed a major Soviet air formation, probably a fighter regiment. There are 540 to 560 men, wearing light blue shoulder boards. The unit is dependent from the air command at Pápa. It has 18 to 20 YAKs and 30 to 32 MIG-15s. There is a great activity at the field, beginning daily at 7 am. The machines take off at two-minute intervals and fly formation in exercises of about an hour. Part of this formation left to take part in maneuvers during the summer.
3. At Pápa Airfield there are two concrete runways, 1,200 by 40 m, perpendicular to the Bánhida-Pápa railroad line. It is occupied by a Soviet fighter regiment, with 400 to 450 fliers, who are quartered in Eszterháza castle, in schools and private houses. They wear light blue shoulder boards.
4. It is very difficult to specify how many planes there are, because they are kept in hangars and the whole area is closed to civilians, but there seem to be about 55 YAKs. No MIGs have been observed in the air.
5. An air support battalion is quartered at the field. It has 440 to 460 men, with light blue shoulder boards.
6. Air activity goes on all day. The machines fly in formations of nine.

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